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# TOWN OFFICERS.

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## SELECTMEN,

G. G. LARKIN, WM. H. COLBY, T. H. HOYT.

## CLERK,

BAILEY SARGENT.

## TREASURER,

O. E. LITTLE.

## COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

W. C. RUSSELL.

## HIGHWAY SURVEYORS,

C. A. STEVENS,	District No. 1
L. B. BLAISDELL,	" 2
F. E. BARTLETT,	" 3
W. B. KELLEY,	" 4

## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS,

JOHN S. CLEMENT,	Term expires 1890
ALEX. SMART,	" 1891
FRANK C. DELANO,	" 1892
BAILEY SARGENT,	Town Clerk

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

J. W. HOBART,	Term expires 1890
T. H. HOYT,	" 1891
WILLIAM F. MARTINS,	" 1892

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY,

G. G. LARKIN,	<i>Ex-officio</i>
D. J. POORE,	Term expires 1890
GEORGE ADAMS,	" 1890
GEORGE O. GOODWIN,	" 1891
J. A. LANCASTER,	" 1891
S. A. McCONNELL,	" 1892
M. PERRY SARGENT,	" 1892

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*COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND,*

J. B. JUDKINS, Term expires 1890  
JAMES D. PIKE, " 1891

*TRUSTEES OF CEMETERY,*

I. B. LITTLE, Term expires 1890  
C. E. ROWELL, " 1891  
J. A. LANCASTER, " 1892

*FIRE ENGINEERS,*

ED. H. SARGENT, H. W. STEVENS,  
ALBERT PARKER.

*FOREST FIRE WARDS,*

WALTER H. SARGENT, WILLARD B. KELLEY.

*POLICE,*

F. H. BECKFORD, J. FRED. IVES, ALEX. HANNA,  
J. C. LIBBY, L. J. O'CONNOR,  
I. W. HUGHES, S. P. JACKMAN, E. P. SARGENT,  
LEVI FONTAIN, ROYCE B. BARTLETT,  
HENRY DAVIS, WALTER L. ADAMS,  
WM. BOOTHROYD.

*AUDITOR,*

FRANK F. PHILBRICK.

*SURVEYORS OF LUMBER AND MEASURERS OF WOOD AND BARK,*

JOHN E. CURRIER, I. W. HUGHES,  
L. B. BLAISDELL.

*FENCE VIEWERS,*

GEORGE W. SARGENT, I. W. HUGHES,  
RALPH H. SARGENT.

*FIELD DRIVERS,*

R. O. PATTEN, A. H. NICHOLS, JOHN PEASE.



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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In submitting the fourteenth annual report, we offer the following suggestions :

In appropriating money for highways at the annual meeting, we think the town should specify a sum certain to be expended for permanent improvements, as brick and concrete sidewalks, with stone curbings, etc., so the Selectmen may know how to lay out the work for the year.

Heretofore the cost of maintaining the street lamps has been paid from the appropriation for miscellaneous purposes, and the entire appropriation for this department is not sufficient this year to meet the expense of lighting the streets. We think a special appropriation should be made for the "Street Light Department."

We would recommend that an "appropriation committee" be chosen at each annual meeting, whose business it shall be to consult with the officers in the several departments and report at the next annual meeting as to the probable needs of the town during the coming year, and to recommend what sums should be appropriated to the different departments. If this course should be adopted it would save town officers much trouble, and the amounts appropriated would be likely to bear some proportion to the amount needed. For instance: this year the amount appropriated for town officers was \$1400; the amount expended, \$1727.43.

We think it would be well for the town to vote at the next meeting to make a regular yearly appropriation to be expended by Post 114, G. A. R., for the observance of Memorial Day, and thus avoid the trouble to members of getting signers to a petition for an article in the warrant every year.

GEO. G. LARKIN,	}	Selectmen of Merrimac.
WM. H. COLBY,		
THOMAS H. HOYT.		

Merrimac. Mass., Feb. 15, 1890.

## APPROPRIATIONS,

MARCH, 1889.

Schools,	\$ 7000 00
Poor,	1600 00
Highway,	3500 00
Fire department,	1500 00
Town debt,	3500 00
Interest,	1200 00
Public library,	500 00
Alteration in public library,	250 00
Town officers,	1400 00
Liquor law,	500 00
Miscellaneous,	600 00
Decoration of soldiers' graves,	75 00
Repairs on town hall well,	25 00

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

### TEACHING.

E. H. Brackett,	principal High school,	\$ 963 12
May Frost,	assistant, " until Sept.,	150 00
Elvira Morrill,	" " after Sept.,	275 00
Abby Sutherland,	Grammar school, Center,	450 00
Carrie M. Evans,	Intermediate " "	
	until Sept.,	120 00
M. Grace Wakefield,	" " Center,	
	after Sept.,	240 00
Ellen A. Call,	1st Primary " Center,	315 00
Etta H. Colby,	2d " " "	315 00
Mary P. Lara,	1st Primary Prospect street,	
	until Sept.,	105 00
Bessie A. Veal,	" " " street,	
	after Sept.,	210 00
Jennie P. Clement,	2d " " street,	315 00
Chauncey Gleason,	Grammar school, 'Port,	480 00
Laura G. Rowell,	Intermediate " "	335 00
Minnie L. Nowell,	Primary " "	315 00
Bessie A. Veal,	Bear Hill "	
	until Sept.,	120 00
Mary H. Head,	" school,	
	after Sept.,	240 00
Annie M. Gray,	Highlands "	150 00
Mary H. Head,	Birch Meadow "	
	until Sept.,	75 00
Sarah A. Spofford,	" "	
6	after Sept.,	87 50



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Carrie M. Evans, Middle st. Intermediate school,		
	after Sept.,	\$240 00
Louise C. Brackett, " Primary,		210 00
Olive Hill, vocal music,		287 00
City of Haverhill, tuition,		31 20
		<hr/>
Total for teaching,		\$ 6028 82

## CENTER SCHOOL.

C. E. Sherman, care of room,	\$ 184 55
" repairs,	5 00
Wm. Jones, "	10 20
W. H. Scott, "	75
Heath Brothers, labor and stock,	19 83
W. W. Lydston, labor and supplies,	15 70
John H. Cleary, supplies,	5 53
Sargent & Currier, "	4 35
S. P. Jackman, labor,	80
G. L. Rowell, "	70
Mary Griffin, "	4 50
George W. Sargent, wood,	5 00
Bertie Hoyt, care of room,	42 00
	<hr/>
	\$ 298 91

## MIDDLE STREET SCHOOL.

E. C. Sherman, care of rooms,	\$ 50 00
Heath Brothers, supplies,	6 73
Chas. A. King, "	4 65
W. W. Lydston, "	90
Mrs. L. A. Wood, wood,	7 75
J. Fred Ives, labor,	2 00
N. L. Howe, " and stock,	1 50
F. H. True, repairs on two clocks,	1 00
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	\$ 74 53

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## PROSPECT STREET SCHOOL.

Thomas Tewhill,	care of rooms,	\$ 72 00	
"	labor on doors and windows,	5 00	
A. J. Scott,	repairs,	17 04	
Wm. Jones,	"	2 85	
W. W. Lydston,	labor and supplies,	7 81	
		<hr/>	\$ 104 70

## MERRIMACPORT SCHOOLS.

R. P. Patten,	care of rooms,	\$ 61 00	
Sargent & Currier,	supplies,	17 38	
B. L. Fifield,	"	16 50	
C. E. Rowell,	"	4 80	
W. W. Lydston,	"	5 25	
F. H. G. Chase,	labor and stock,	16 60	
James Whittier,	repairs,	1 13	
Horatio Evans,	labor,	2 85	
Heath Brothers,	table,	6 65	
Mary Kelso,	cleaning,	2 25	
Nellie Heald,	"	26 25	
		<hr/>	\$ 160 66

## LANDING SCHOOL.

Sargent & Currier,	lumber for repairs,	\$ 5 19	
		<hr/>	\$ 5 19

## BEAR HILL SCHOOL.

Christopher Sargent,	care of room,	\$ 34 00	
"	labor on seats,	3 00	
Sargent & Currier,	supplies,	20	
J. H. Cleary,	"	3 05	
W. W. Lydston,	"	2 13	
S. L. Martin,	labor,	3 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 45 38

## HIGHLAND SCHOOL.

L. E. Bancroft,	wood,	\$ 7 00	
Annie M. Gray,	care of room,	10 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 17 00

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## BIRCH MEADOW SCHOOL.

Calvin Sargent, cleaning room,	\$ 5 00	
"    sawing wood,	2 50	
J. W. Colby, wood,	5 00	
Sarah Spofford, care of room,	7 00	
Mary H. Head, " "	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 24 50

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Boston School Supply Co., books and supplies,	\$ 44 98	
Rand & Co., " "	8 20	
Harrison Hume, " "	38 60	
Wm. Ware & Co., " "	102 17	
D. Appleton & Co., " "	7 00	
Harper & Brothers, " "	29 50	
Ginn & Co., " "	19 10	
A. S. Barnes & Co., " "	39 84	
Silver, Berdett & Co., " "	3 60	
Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, " "	14 94	
G. S. Perry, " "	99 90	
F. M. Ambrose, " "	46 05	
Thompson, Brown & Co., " "	26 34	
	<hr/>	\$ 480 22

## MISCELLANEOUS.

Frank True, cleaning three clocks,	\$ 6 25	
H. H. Story, use of piano,	7 00	
E. H. Brackett, diplomas,	4 00	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	244 48	
J. H. Cleary, supplies,	2 84	
S. A. McConnell, " "	10 60	
W. C. Russell, supplies and expressage,	16 75	
T. H. Hoyt, " "	1 95	
Chas. A. King, printing programs, etc.,	6 60	
F. L. Atkinson & Co., coal,	157 91	
Am. Exp. Co., expressage,	40	
Crosby Bros., cleaning vaults,	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 463 78
Total,		\$ 7,703 69

Appropriation,	\$ 7,000 00	
Mass. School fund,	170 62	
Dog fund,	198 77	
Received for tuition,	52 50	
Received for supplies,	7 07	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 7,428 96
Overdrawn,		274 73
		<u>          </u> \$ 7,703 69

## NEW SCHOOL HOUSE, MIDDLE STREET.

Appropriated, 1888,	\$ 3,800 00	
“ 1889,	1,000 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 4,800 00
Paid to Building committee, 1888,	\$ 2,850 00	
“ “ 1889,	2,066 99	
Overdrawn,		116 99
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
	\$ 4,916 99	\$ 4,916 99

Merrimac, Mass., Feb., 14, 1890.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Merrimac :

We most respectfully submit the following report :

Cost of building,	\$ 2,695 07	
“ grading and cellar,	655 25	
“ steam works,	363 50	
“ furniture,	448 52	
Expense of Building Committee,	4 65	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 4,166 99
Land,		750 00
		<u>          </u>
		\$ 4,916 99

I. B. LITTLE,  
GEORGE ADAMS,  
L. C. LOUD.

New School House Building Committee.

## POOR DEPARTMENT.

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### Support of Smith Quimby,

Mrs. Mary Pressey, house rent,	\$ 28 00	
J. J. Woodman, watching,	10 00	
Geo. W. Sargent, wood,	3 50	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,	11 00	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	20 85	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 73 35

### Burial of Smith Quimby,

J. B. Heath, services and supplies,	22 50	
Geo. G. Lane, services,	3 00	
	<u>          </u>	25 50

### Support of Mrs. Smith Quimby,

Edward Bolren, care,	7 00	
Mrs. E. W. Cummings, care,	4 00	
	<u>          </u>	11 00

### Support of Mary Kelso,

Chas. E. Rowell, supplies,	48 01	
R. A. Sargent,            “	3 50	
F. L. Atkinson & Co., coal,	18 39	
A. E. Kenison, milk,	1 08	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,	12 00	
“           “           “           daughter,	11 00	
	<u>          </u>	93 98

### Support of Michael Nolan,

Dr. F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	9 00	
Mrs. James Doyle, care,	43 50	
John Holmes, watching,	6 00	
	<u>          </u>	58 50



## Support of M. Burke,

L. B. Blaisdell, wood,	\$ 4 75	
A. E. Kenison, milk,	2 46	
Chas. E. Rowell, supplies,	50 94	
F. L. Atkinson & Co., coal,	7 00	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, medical attendance,		
Mrs. Burke,	11 21	
"    "    medical attendance,		
Maggie Burke,	1 75	
	<hr/>	\$ 78 11

## Support of Mary C. Rowell,

Care by Mrs. James Roe and aid of self,	149 00	
Dr. F. E. Sweetsir, medical attendance,	30 00	
	<hr/>	179 00

## Worcester Insane Asylum,

Support of Alfred C. Hoyt,	113 22	
W. C. Russell, fare on remains of Alfred		
C. Hoyt,	7 25	
John B. Heath, burial of Alfred C. Hoyt,	3 00	
	<hr/>	123 47

## Town of Amesbury,

Board of Eliza Patten and Woodbridge		
Kendrick, and 2-5 support of McCabe		
children for 1888,	328 59	
Board, clothing, medical attendance and		
funeral expenses, of Eliza Patten, 1889,	111 20	
2-5 support of John McCabe, 1889,	20 80	
2-5 cost of clothing for John McCabe, 1889,	10 00	
2-5 support of Kate McCabe,	36 40	
	<hr/>	506 99

## Town of Rowley,

Supplies to Isaac Whittier, 1888,	64 90	
"    "    1889,	51 19	
	<hr/>	116 09

## Support of Lillian O. Gray,

Calvin Sargent, board,	96 45	
S. A. McConnell, supplies,	50	
	<hr/>	96 95

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Calvin Sargent, support of Mrs. Alice R. Gray,	\$ 74 00	
Luella J. Lewis, " " "	26 00	
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, support of A. R. Lawson,	169 88	
" " " support of M. Riley,	169 89	
A. P. Chaples, support of Ann M. Waining,	104 00	
H. Maria Gray, " 2 Gray children,	127 30	
Otis Currier, " Mrs. Allison and daughter,	151 00	
Mary Clooney, " Agnes Clooney,	52 00	
Edmund Sheridan, aid of self,	22 00	
J. B. Heath, supplies and burial of Mrs. Abbie Thompson,	42 40	
Dr. J. S. Damrell, medical attendance on traveller,	1 25	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, examination of vagrant woman,	1 00	
W. U. Telegraph Co., message to Worcester,	87	
J. H. Cleary, supplies for tramps,	6 17	
	<hr/>	\$947 76
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		\$2310 70
Appropriation,	\$ 1600 00	
Overdrawn,	710 70	
	<hr/>	\$ 2310 70

The overdraft in this department is mainly owing to the several deaths, and 1888 bills of Amesbury and Rowley.

There is due the town from the state on account of Rowell and Nolan, \$79.50.

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

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### *District No. 1—Charles A. Stevens, Surveyor.*

Repairs. C. A. Stevens, surveyor,		\$ 961 84
Paving and grading Prospect Hill.		
C. A. Stevens, labor and teams,	\$ 122 60	
J. F. Conradson, paving,	19 50	
I. W. Hoyt, paving stone,	4 00	
	<hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	146 10
Church Street Sidewalk and Bank Wall.		
Timothy Keville, contract,	345 00	
C. A. Stevens, labor and team,	27 00	
C. H. Emerson,           “	15 00	
Woods Bros.,           “	4 00	
James Doyle, labor,	4 00	
Mrs. C. H. Nichols, gravel,	5 52	
Thomas Lahey, cap stone, drilling and setting,	44 00	
N. L. Howe iron railing and sharpening drills,	40 83	
Edmund Sheridan, labor,	8 40	
C. A. Stevens, cinders and teaming,	5 00	
W. B. Chapman, labor and stock,	2 30	
W. H. Thomas, painting railing,	1 75	
	<hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	502 80

### *District No. 2—L. B. Blaisdell, Surveyor.*

Repairs. L. B. Blaisdell, surveyor,	1888,	\$ 7 30	
“                   “           “	1889,	434 73	
		<hr style="width: 50px; margin: 0 auto;"/>	\$ 442 03

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Extra labor on sewer, near creek,	\$ 38 00	
“ “ new road,	41 60	
“ rebuilding bridge, near M. Connors,	20 00	
“ on new railing, near East Haver-		
hill line,	43 50	
“ land slide,	68 90	
“ washout,	36 00	
“ snow from sidewalk,	4 80	
Haverhill Iron Works, sewer grate,	5 50	
Merrimac Wheel and Gear Co., gravel,	14 31	
Sargent & Currier, tile,	76 94	
“ “ plank, posts and rails,	19 41	
Alex. Hanna, sewer grates,	5 75	
C. E. Rowell, supplies,	2 84	
W. B. Chapman, sewer,	52 75	
		872 33

## *District No. 3—Frank E. Bartlett, Surveyor.*

Repairs. F. E. Bartlett, surveyor,	\$ 341 55	
Extra labor on bridge and gutter,	35 00	
“ washout,	23 20	
Geo. W. Sargent, plank,	8 19	
E. H. Whitney, labor,	3 35	
Christopher Sargent, removing snow, 1888,	19 80	
A. Heath, labor, Brush hill,	14 90	
		445 99

## *District No. 4—Willard B. Kelley, Surveyor.*

Repairs. Willard B. Kelley, surveyor,	\$ 148 65	
Chas. L. Chaplin,	10 00	
		158 65

*Miscellaneous and Extras.*

Extra labor under the direction of the Selectmen.

Paving and grading Locust street,	\$ 25 40
Sewer on School street,	49 00
Washout on Middle street,	22 00
Sewer on Summer street,	8 00
Sewer on Middle street,	16 00
Two washouts on Summer street,	27 00
Washouts and grading on Church street,	18 00
Job on Highland road,	35 00
Woodland street sidewalk and driveways,	26 00
Washout on Middle and School streets,	15 00
Sidewalk and repairs on Pleasant street,	18 00
Washout and two bridges repaired, on Tucker hill,	16 00
Washouts and railings on Lincoln and Sum- mer streets,	24 00
L. E. Bancroft, labor,	35 70
Putting down ten plank crossings and grading,	39 00
E. Sheridan, labor on street and sidewalk,	56 41
John Sheridan, labor on gutters,	2 00
G. A. Curtis, labor with team,	2 40
John Curley, labor on gutters, 1888,	60
Wood Bros., labor and team,	2 00
W. B. Chapman, labor on sewer opposite Lydston's house,	12 20
" " Green st. sewer,	4 50
" " Summer and Pine streets,	15 95
" " School street,	25 97
" " Main street,	13 25
" " Summer street,	10 45
" " Church avenue,	80
" tile and brick for sewer,	27 15



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W. H. Blodgett, labor on highways and side-		
walks, 1888,	\$ 12 10	
Heath Brothers, labor and stock, Summer		
street railing,	5 46	
A. B. Morse, sidewalk on School st., 1888,	34 60	
Albert Russell & Sons, sewer grates,	19 75	
Heath Brothers, two snow ploughs, 1888,	6 30	
David Wadleigh, ironing " 1888,	13 80	
" sharpening picks, etc.	4 00	
J. F. Conradson, paving Locust street,	8 00	
N. Powers, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense laying and paving east		
side of Main and Locust sts.,	110 36	
" do. west side of Main and Lo-		
cust streets,	45 20	
" do. west side of Church and Lib-		
erty streets,	32 98	
" do. east side Church and Main sts.,	21 06	
" raising crowning in Square,	13 20	
" two jobs paving on Summer st.,	25 00	
J. D. Little, freight on grates,	1 50	
B. & M. R. R., freight,	5 00	
Thomas Lahey, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense of curbing and flagging		
East side of Main and Locust sts.,	141 75	
do. West " " "	94 25	
Town of Amesbury, 2-5 of $\frac{1}{3}$ cost of care of Rocks		
Bridge, 1887,	65 36	
W. C. Russell, advertising in Boston papers for		
proposals for new road, 1888,	3 15	
I. W. Hoyt, paving stones,	3 50	
I. B. Little, $\frac{1}{2}$ expense of brick walk on Church		
and Main streets,	89 60	
Sargent & Currier, tile,	209 67	
" plank, posts and rails,	62 65	
John E. Currier, plank for crossing,	42 51	
	<hr/>	\$ 1618 53
		<hr/>
		\$ 4696 24

Appropriation,	\$ 3500 00	
Rec'd from I. B. Little on bank wall,	50 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 3550 00
Overdrawn,		1146 24
		<u>          </u> \$ 4696 24

The overdraft in this department was on account of the extra labor required to repair damage in all of the districts caused by the continuous heavy rains the past year, and building the bank wall and sidewalk on Church street to replace the old plank walk which had become dangerous and a disgrace to the town. Also by one-half the expense of the brick and stone sidewalks put in under the statute law adopted by the town at the last March meeting. It was also necessary to put up some 2000 feet of railing at the Duck-hole and on Summer street. About 200 feet of sewer had to be put in at Merrimacport, and some 550 feet on School, Main and Summer streets to abate a nuisance and preserve the health of the community. Plank crossings have been put down at some of the worst places for the comfort and convenience of foot travel.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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Ed. H. Sargent,	chief engineer,	\$ 25 00
H. G. Stevens,	assistant “	25 00
Albert Parker,	“ “	25 00
Steam Fire Engine Co.,	pay of members,	194 99
Niagara	“ “	240 82
Gen. McClellan	“ “	349 16
Hook & Ladder Co.,	“	65 00
W. H. Blodgett,	engineer of Steamer,	50 00
N. F. Stevens, ass't	“ “	25 00
J. A. Heath,	stoker “	25 00
F. W. Winslow,	steward Steamer house,	79 15
L. Y. Stevens,	“ M'port “	44 00
W. H. Blodgett,	hauling engine to fires and fill-	
	ing reservoirs,	15 00
“	packing Niagara engine,	1 00
W. B. Chapman,	repairs on M'port reservoir,	40 75
“	“ Steamer house,	13 10
F. L. Atkinson & Co.,	coal,	61 19
J. H. Cleary,	supplies,	23 47
Geo. W. Sargent,	wood,	11 50
S. S. Blodgett,	cement for M'port reservoir,	24 75
Estate of J. M. Wood,	wood,	14 15
A. H. Roberts,	labor and hardware,	4 40
L. J. O'Connor,	extra work filling reservoirs,	24 38
W.W. Lydston,	work and sundries on Engine house,	6 56
Joseph P. Blake & Son,	new reservoir at Lower	
	Corner,	200 00
W. V. Libby,	labor on Steamer house,	2 50

A. A. Sawyer, valve oil,	1888,	\$ 5 00
T. LaBree, services as fireman,		3 33
C. Callhan Co., jumping sack and gun,	1888,	30 00
A. W. Mitchell, badges, 1888,		12 00
Sargent & Currier, tile and sundries,		4 33
B. & M. R. R., freight,		90
Davis & Farnum, hydrant pipe,		17 74
Chas. A. King, printing,		4 50
J. W. Bailey, labor on reservoir,		7 40
Albert Parker, " "		22 50
" " expended for sundries,		6 06
F. H. G. Chase, labor on engine house,		3 10
C. E. Rowell, supplies, M'port,		2 49
David Wadleigh, supplies,		1 60
		<hr/> \$ 1711 82

Regular appropriation,	\$ 1500 00	
Lower Corner reservoir app'n,	175 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 1675 00
Overdrawn,		36 82
		<hr/> \$ 1711 82

## NOTE AND INTEREST ACCOUNT.

## NOTES.

Loan of June 2, 1883,	\$ 1000 00
Temporary loan, Merrimac Sav. Bank,	1000 00
“ State treasurer, May 2, '89,	5000 00
“ Suffolk Savings Bank,*	
Feb. 28, '89,	6500 00
“ State treasurer,	5000 00
Paid Com'rs Sinking Fund,	1796 00
	<hr/> \$ 20,296 00

## INTEREST.

On loan of June 2, 1883,	\$ 100 00
“ Sept. 3, 1885,	180 00
“ Jan. 3, 1885,	146 00
“ June 9, 1885,	252 00
“ Dec. 26, 1885,	280 00
“ Feb. 28, 1889,*	130 00
On temp'y loan of April 4, 1889, M. Sav. Bk.,	3 47
“ May 2, 1889, State treas.,	58 33
“ May 29, 1889, “	37 43
	<hr/> \$ 1,187 23
	\$ 21,483 23

\*This note shows in 1889 report in two notes viz :

May 23, Merrimac Savings Bank, \$ 3000  
and June 26, “ “ 3500

And was changed after that report was made up, to the Suffolk Savings Bank at a lower rate of interest. By an error in printing, the May 23d note is \$900 larger than it should be, but the total footing is correct.



MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT.

Moses Stevens, damage to crops by blasting,	\$	36	00
N. F. Stevens, repairing town clock,		3	00
W. C. Russell, expressing,		14	20
Chas. A. King, printing town report, collector's notices, etc., 1888,		100	18
John Scanlon, cleaning vault, 1888,		60	
G. A. R. Post 114, appropriation,		75	00
Sargent & Currier, damage by defect in highway,		1	50
W. G. Nichols, surveying and assistant, Pros- pect and Summer streets,		4	55
"      "      do. Walnut, Pine and Prospect street extension and new road to Newton,		56	00
Geo. F. Bailey, burying dog and cutting grass,		2	45
Edmund Sheridan, labor in cemetery,		7	76
D. W. Gould, pole straps for hearse,		75	
Dr. H. J. Cushing, return of births,		14	25
Thos. Groom & Co., assessor's and note book,		2	75
O. A. Libby, bureau of information		1	00
John McNanie, cutting grass Lower cemetery,		7	00
"                "                Plains                "		10	00
F. B. Porter, clearing ditch, Center street sewer,		2	00
H. M. Smith, veterinary services, Kenison cow case,		19	70
D. D. Chase & Co., lumber for voting booths,		13	92
J. C. Libby, labor on voting booths,		23	75
W. W. Lydston, pump,		11	16
"                labor on furnace and pipe,		9	74
P. R. Coombs, cutting grass Plains cemetery,		10	00

M. L. Mines, veterinary service, Heath and Sargent cow cases,	\$ 10 00
Geo. F. Bailey, setting stone bounds and digging trench in lockup,	2 80
David Wadleigh, labor in lockup and hall,	6 50
Merrimac Wheel and Gear Co., scraper handle,	50
W. J. Roiley, job on sewer,	1 00
Chas. A. King, assessors' notices, laws and stationery,	61 35
L. E. Bancroft, carting and setting guide posts,	3 00
Sargent & Currier, lumber for railing, etc., Sargent hall,	5 38
J. S. Clement, distributing votes on liquor question,	3 00
J. S. Damrell, " "	3 00
A. C. Trull, repairs on road scraper,	50
B. & M. R. R., freight on stone bounds,	1 00
I. W. Hughes, care of watering trough,	5 00
Thos. Lahey, stone bounds,	9 00
W. C. Russell, copying valuation book,	15 00
B. & M. R. R., freight,	6 15
W. C. Russell, collector's record book,	2 25
" expressage, 1888-9,	4 65
W. H. Colby, guide board,	2 50
W. B. Chapman, labor on well,	3 10
T. H. Hoyt, recording deed, etc.,	95
Bailey Sargent, postage, expressage and sundries,	3 19
W. U. Tel. Co., re-count and Lawrence,	1 59
Bailey Sargent, recording births and deaths,	42 60
" insurance, Middle st. school house, 3 years,	56 00
" do., M'port school house, 3 years,	73 25
" do., Bear hill and Landing, 3 years,	25 63
" do., Center school house, 5 years,	147 75
C. E. Little, team for police service,	6 00

W. W. Lydston, repairs on street lamps, 1888,	\$	45	
“ “ watering trough, 1888,		1	50
“ “ stove town office, 1888,		1	00
“ supplies, 1888,			40
		—	\$ 933 35

## SARGENT HALL.

F. H. True, janitor,		83	75	
Andrew Wilson, snow guard, 1888,		36	50	
F. H. True, repairs on town hall clock,		1	75	
N. L. Howe, labor and stock for snow guard, 1888,		1	92	
Sheridan Bros., cleaning out basement and yard,		1	60	
George A. Curtis, trucking and cleaning vaults,		6	00	
Joseph Oak, labor,		4	34	
S. S. Blodgett, coal,		46	85	
John H. Cleary, supplies, 1888,		8	35	
Sargent & Currier, glass for Sargent hall,		5	15	
“ “ “		1	13	
S. P. Jackman, cleaning out well, lockup and				
basement,		5	50	
Wm. Winslow, charcoal,		6	00	
J. C. Libby, step ladders and labor on well,		7	62	
“ labor, Sargent hall,		5	31	
Wm. Jones, glass setting,		2	75	
J. Fred Ives, lock for lockup,		1	75	
Heath Bros., repairs.			50	
John H. Cleary, supplies,		5	00	
W. C. Russell, register frame,		1	15	
W. B. Chapman, labor on lockup,		9	25	
Bailey Sargent, insurance, 3 years,		51	01	
F. H. True, care of town clock,		13	75	
“ supplies,			45	
		—		\$ 307 38

## STREET LAMPS.

C. F. Leman,	care, 1888-9,	\$ 6 75
G. F. Sargent,	"	8 02
J. Moriarty,	"	10 02
G. F. Hardy,	"	9 90
H. P. EnEarl,	"	5 25
Martin Cahill,	"	5 25
Annie Connor,	"	4 50
Ernest Ransom,	"	75
Willie Blodgett,	"	2 75
Harry Robinson,	"	9 00
Ernest S. Benson,	"	4 50
H. S. Cunningham,	"	10 80
E. W. Cummings,	"	5 10
Bert Hoyt,	"	6 00
Geo. F. Libby,	"	3 70
Fred Nichols,	"	2 25
Wilfred Barbeau,	"	3 00
Richard Callahan,	"	4 50
Phil Means,	"	10 80
Peter Gray,	lamps and posts,	110 72
N. P. Cummings,	freight,	25
Wm. Jones,	repairs,	3 50
Alexander Mills,	chimneys,	7 15
J. H. Cleary,	supplies, 1888-9,	137 14
Wm. H. Emerson,	care,	249 45
Sargent & Currier,	repairs,	90
Preble & Livermore,	supplies, 1888-9,	18 77
Christopher Sargent,	care,	4 20
I. W. Hughes,	"	6 00
Martin Cahill,	"	32 00
G. G. Larkin,	supplies,	07
W. C. Russell,	two lamps and express on street lamps, posts, etc.,	14 10

C. E. Rowell, supplies,	24 13	
	<hr/>	721 22
Sundries overlooked in highway department,		39 79
		<hr/>
		\$2001 64
Appropriation,	\$ 600 00	
"    Memorial Day,	75 00	
"    Repairing well,	25 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 700 00
Overdrawn,		1301 64
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		\$ 2001 64

The town now has eighty street lamps, mostly lighted under contract, at a saving of thirty cents each lamp per month, over former years. The appropriation for this department is not half as large as it should be. It was overdrawn last year nearly twelve hundred dollars.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY.

D. J. Poore, Treasurer,	\$ 500 00
Appropriation,	500 00

### ALTERATIONS, ETC.

Heath Brothers, labor and stock,	\$ 124 56	
W. B. Chapman,	22 88	
Thomas Lahey, stone work,	28 00	
E. Perkins, stock,	13 92	
Wm. Jones, paint and papering,	21 70	
J. C. Libby, labor,	28 50	
W. C. Russell, supplies,	10 44	
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Appropriation,	\$ 250 00	\$ 250 00



# SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

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## TOWN OFFICERS.

G. G. Larkin, selectman, assessor and overs'r poor,	\$ 215 00
W. H. Colby, " " "	125 00
T. H. Hoyt, " " "	125 00
Bailey Sargent, town clerk,	30 00
O. E. Little, treasurer,	50 00
W. C. Russell, collector of taxes,	400 85
John S. Clement, registrar of voters,	20 00
Alex. Smart, " "	20 00
Bailey Sargent, " "	30 00
F. C. Delano, " "	20 00
Thos. H. Hoyt, school committee,	55 00
John W. Hobart, " "	39 58
Wm. F. Martins, " "	50 00
J. Fred Ives, constable,	150 00
F. H. Beckford, " "	168 00
Alex. Hanna, police,	35 00
S. P. Jackman, " "	3 00
I. W. Hughes, " "	3 00
W. H. Boothroyd, " "	3 00
R. S. Bailey, fish warden,	1 00
N. P. Cummings, election inspector,	5 00
W. M. Chase, " "	5 00
J. W. Hobart, taking census school children,	15 00
F. H. Beckford, constable, 1888,	159 00
	<hr/> \$ 1727 43

Appropriation,	\$ 1400 00	
Overdrawn,	327 43	
	<hr/>	\$ 1727 43

## STATE AID.

George F. Bailey,	\$ 36 00	
John Clement,	20 00	
Harriet C. Flanders,	48 00	
John Jenkins,	60 00	
Rebecca Kennett,	48 00	
W. F. Martins,	60 00	
Hannah P. Tozier,	48 00	
Lucinda Richardson,	48 00	
Chas. E. Preble,	72 00	
Margaret Handley,	48 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 488 00

## INTOXICATING LIQUORS.

H. I. Bartlett, professional services, Scanlon case,	\$ 7 50	
“ “ “ Bancroft case,	7 50	
F. H. Beckford, in above cases,	10 25	
J. Fred Ives, “	14 25	
“ time and fare, in Prescott case,	3 66	
C. E. Little, team in liquor cases,	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 46 16
Appropriation,	\$ 500 00	
Unexpended,	453 84	
	<hr/>	\$ 46 16

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

### LIABILITIES.

Notes of June 2, 1883, to refund Town of Ames-	
bury bonds, payable \$1000 yearly, at	
4% interest,	\$2,000 00
“ Sept. 3, 1884, for purchase of steam fire	
engine, at 4% interest,	4500 00
“ Jan. 3, 1885, to provide a place for steam	
fire engine, at 4% interest,	3650 00
“ June 9, 1885, on account of rebuilding	
Essex Merrimac Bridge, at 4% int.,	6300 00
“ Dec. 26, 1885, to refund Town of Ames-	
bury notes, at 3½% interest,	8000 00
Loan of Feb. 19, 1889, State Treas., 4% interest,	3000 00
Outstanding bills (estimated),	450 00
	————\$27,900 00

### ASSETS.

Due from State, for State aid,	\$ 574 00
“ Poor,	79 50
Sinking Fund,	8981 91
Uncollected taxes, Bailey Sargent, Collector,	3769 44
“ M. Perry Sargent, “	470 40
“ W. C. Russell, “	298 08
Cash on hand,	229 96
	————\$14,403 29
	—————
	\$13,496 71
Debt March 1, 1889,	\$18,556 33
“ 1, 1890,	13,496 71
	—————
Decrease of debt,	\$5,059 62
Reckoning from last report.	

## NOTE.

The statement below shows the actual debt of the town March 1, 1889, with the \$1200 outstanding bills added, which by some oversight were left out. This \$1200 does not include the pay of firemen, which is about \$900 on the first of March annually.

Liabilities as in report March 1, 1889,	\$ 31,950 90	
Outstanding bills,           "       "	1,200 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 3,3150 00
Assets,                       "       "		13,393 67
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Actual debt,               "       "		\$ 19,756 33
Debt,                       "   1888,		16,651 80
		<hr/>
Increase of debt, 1889,		\$ 3,104 53
Now take the debt March 1, 1889,	\$ 19,756 33	
And deduct       "       "       1890,	13,496 71	
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We have an actual decrease of debt of		\$6,259 62

For 1890. We deem this explanation necessary to show one of the reasons for such a high rate of taxation last year, and why the debt reduction is no larger.

## STATISTICS FROM THE VALUATION BOOK.

	1888	1889
Valuation of Real Estate,	\$ 911,070 00	\$ 925,395 00
“ Personal Estate,	426,679 00	433,901 00
“ Resident Bank stock,	133,224 00	132,126 00
“ non- “ “	110,776 00	111,874 00
Tax on “ “ “	2,398 03	2,906 77
“ “ “	1,993 91	2,461 23
Number of persons assessed on property,	549	575
“ “ for poll tax only,	483	515
“ polls, females,	—	5
“ “ males,	814	866
“ acres of land,	4960	4980
“ dwelling houses,	492	500
“ horses,	278	253
“ cows,	248	231
“ sheep,	28	17
“ swine,	31	30
“ neat cattle other than cows,	45	58
Total tax assessed,	\$25,707 30	\$ 31,639 01
Rate of taxation per \$1000.	18 00	22 00
Rate on poles, females,	50	50
“ males,	2 00	2 00



## SCHEDULE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

Sargent Hall,	\$ 20,000 00	
School houses,	24,000 00	
Public Library,	2,650 00	
Fire apparatus,	11,300 00	
Cemeteries, hearse and house,	2,700 00	
Town landing,	300 00	
Gravel pit,	25 00	
Town pound,	50 00	
Town standards,	150 00	
Law reports,	350 00	
Street lamps,	250 00	
Road machine,	70 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 61,845 00

## SARGENT HALL.

## REPORT OF THE JANITOR.

*To the Board of Selectmen—Gentlemen:*

The hall has been opened 53 times from March 3 to Feb. 14.

Dances,	8	
Temperance meetings,	8	
Entertainments,	17	
Town meetings,	2	
Caucuses,	4	
Conventions,	3	
Miscellaneous,	11	
	<hr/>	53
Received for use of hall,	\$ 146 50	
Paid to town treasurer,		\$ 146 50

FRANK H. TRUE, Janitor.

# REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONERS OF SINKING FUND.

MERRIMAC, MASS., FEB. 19, 1890.

*To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen:*

The Commissioners of Sinking Fund submit the following report:

*DR.*

Amount of funds on hand, per report of 1889,	\$ 6903 03	
Interest accrued, Merrimac Savings Bank,	42 38	
“ Haverhill “	38 54	
“ Amesbury National Bank,	80 00	
“ Town of Amesbury Notes,	121 96	
Received of Town Treasurer, Feb. 19, 1890,	1796 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8981 91

*CR.*

Amount deposited in Merrimac Savings Bank,	\$ 1101 29	
“ Haverhill “	582 77	
“ Amesbury National Bank,	2080 00	
Notes and Interest Town of Amesbury,	3421 85	
Cash on hand,	1796 00	
	<hr/>	\$ 8981 91

H. O. DELANO,

Treasurer of Commissioners of Sinking Fund.

# COLLECTORS' ACCOUNT.

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W. C. RUSSELL, Collector, in account with the Town of  
Merrimac.

*DR.*

To Tax list and additions for 1889,	\$ 34,174 14
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*CR.*

By Cash paid Treasurer,	\$ 32,071 83	
Discounts on taxes in 1889,	1,384 79	
Abatements                   “	419 44	
Uncollected                 “	298 08	
	\$ 34,174 14	

The uncollected taxes are as follows :

Est. E. G. Cheney,	\$ 51 70	
“ James B. Hoyt,	27 52	
Mary Pressey,	23 65	
Lydia Hoyt,	8 80	
John B. Peaslee,	3 52	
Mrs. J. C. Richardson.	4 40	
Spephen T. Kimball,	2 20	
Thomas Bagley,	1 10	
Sarah A. Bucklin, (balance)	6 60	
Edwin Hall,                 (balance)	5 19	
John Jenkins,             (balance)	6 90	
E. T. Parrow,	4 20	
Geo. A. Curtis,	4 20	
Heirs Nathan Huse,	1 10	
Poll taxes of persons that have left town and cannot be reached,	97 00	
Poll taxes of persons in town and out, but still remaining in this state and can be collected,	50 00	
	\$ 298 08	

Respectfully submitted,

# TREASURER'S REPORT.

O. E. LITTLE, Treasurer, in account with the Town  
of Merrimac.

1889

DR.

Mar. 14.	To rec'd from former Treasurer,		\$ 727 39
Apr. 9.	loan from Merrimac Savings Bank,	\$ 1000 00	
25.	rec'd from town of West Newbury		
	support of Mary Kelso,	15 19	
		————	1,01 19
May 3.	loan from Commonwealth,	\$000 00	
20.	rec'd from M. Perry Sargent, old taxes,	108 53	
		————	5,108 53
June 1.	loan from Commonwealth,	5000 00	
8.	rec'd of J. H. Pendergast,		
	show license,	2 00	
		————	5,002 00
July 20.	“ Bailey Sargent, old taxes,		380 67
Dec: 17.	“ State Treasurer,		
	corporation tax,	398 32	
17.	“ “ Nat. Bank tax,	493 75	
17.	“ “ State aid,	432 00	
27.	“ town of West Newbury,		
	support of Mary Kelso,	38 37	
	35	————	\$ 1,362 44

1890

Jan.	11.	To rec'd of County Treas., dog money,	\$ 198 77	
	25.	" State Treas., school fund,	170 62	
	28.	" I. B. Little, on account bank		
		wall, Church st.,	50 00	
	29.	" Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	178 20	
	30.	" town of West Newbury,		
		support of Mary Kelso,	27 70	
			<hr/>	\$ 625 29
Feb.	4.	" for apples,	2 62	
	4.	" old planks,	1 50	
	4.	" grass,	50	
	4.	" freight on stone posts,	1 00	
	13.	" from bank book of Eliza Patten,	143 11	
	14.	" Bailey Sargent, old taxes,	26 41	
	18.	" M. Perry Sargent, old taxes,	152 05	
		" for tuition,	52 50	
		" supplies,	7 07	
			<hr/>	386 76
		" from W. C. Russell, collector,	32,071 83	
		" First Nat. Bank, rent,	275 00	
		" R. A. Sargent, rent,	225 00	
		" Bailey Sargent, rent,	50 00	
		" F. H. True, rent,	25 00	
		" Janitor Sargent Hall,	146 50	
Feb.	19.	" loan from Commonwealth,	3,000 00	
			<hr/>	\$ 50,401 60

CR.

By paid County tax,	\$ 1,270 84	
" State tax,	1,380 00	
" National Bank tax,	2,536 92	
" Selectmen's orders,	44,983 88	
	<hr/>	50,171 64
Cash on hand		229 96
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		\$ 50,401 60



## AUDITORS' REPORTS.

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The undersigned has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year ending March, 1889, and finds vouchers for all moneys paid.

Total amount of orders drawn by Selectmen, \$36,822 45; the same amount has been paid by the Treasurer.

O. E. LITTLE, Auditor.

Merrimac, Feb. 21, 1890.

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The undersigned has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer for the year 1889, and finds vouchers for all moneys paid out.

Orders drawn by Selectmen amounted to \$44,983 88; the same amount has been paid by Treasurer.

F. F. PHILBRICK, Auditor.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 21, 1890.

REPORT OF THE  
TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY  
OF THE TOWN OF MERRIMAC.

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*To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen :*

In presenting our fourteenth annual report, it is hardly necessary to call attention to the improved appearance of our Library rooms. For years attention *has* been called to the previously cramped quarters, but by the means of an appropriation granted at the town meeting of last March, and by vote passed at that meeting placing the matter in charge of the selectmen the rooms have been so improved under their direction as to give ample room and better convenience for the public.

Owing to the closing of the Library during the repairs, the rooms have been opened but 86 times, when 11,982 volumes were delivered, as follows: In February (1889), 1052; March, 1970; April, 1255; July, 732; August, 1272; September, 1025; October, 1092; November, 1479; December, 981; January (1890), 1124. The average daily delivery for the year, has been 139 books while the largest number delivered in one day was 293.

The condition of the Library is better than usually at the close of the year, having been so recently renovated. There has been no loss of books during the twelve months passed. During the year 113 volumes have been added to the shelves, received from the following sources :

Purchased by the Trustees,	90
“ “ Goodwin Fund,	5
Presented by Representatives,	11
“ “ Hon. Edward Mosely,	1
“ “ Salem Library,	1
“ “ The Commonwealth,	5

Besides 36 Magazines of American History presented by Mr. Chas. A. King. A work of excellent merit which it is our purpose to have bound.

There are now 4518 volumes in the Library.

During the past year, Mr. George E. Ricker (who has been so ably assisted by Mrs. Orra E. Ricker), thought best to resign his position of Librarian, and the Trustees desire to hereby place on record their appreciation of the valuable services rendered and the interest taken by Mr. and Mrs. Ricker in all affairs pertaining to the Library from its foundation until their connection was severed. During the month of August Miss Louise C. Brackett was appointed to fill the vacancy and has since attended to the duties of Librarian with marked success.

In providing for the comfort and convenience, we have been kindly remembered by Mr. Chas. W. Sargent of Boston, a native of this town, who generously presented the Library with a handsome clock, an ornamental sign and a protecting awning. The pictures adorning the walls have been added to by one of the Town of Merrimac, suitably framed—the gift of two of the Trustees.

We believe our Library performs a very large and useful work in our midst, is well patronized and appreciated. To continue the work in the future as in the past should be our aim and object, and we invite all persons interested to suggest ways and methods for improvements, that we may go forward rather than backward with the work. For this pur-

pose we would ask a continuance of the yearly appropriation as in former years.

Respectfully submitted,

G. G. LARKIN,  
 GEORGE ADAMS,  
 D. J. POORE,  
 J. A. LANCASTER,  
 GEORGE O. GOODWIN,  
 S. A. McCONNELL,  
 M. PERRY SARGENT,

Trustees of the Public Library.

D. J. POORE, Secretary.

Merrimac, Feb. 12, 1890.

## TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1890.

D. J. POORE, Treasurer, in account with Merrimac  
 Public Library.

*DR.*

To balance from previous year,	\$ 13 44
Received from Catalogues,	7 05
“ Cards,	1 55
“ Fines,	26 05
“ Books,	1 17
“ Returned on Express,	55
“ Binding Magazines,	70
“ Town Appropriation,	500 00
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	\$ 550 51



*CR.*

By paid for Books and Magazines,	\$ 84 03	
“ Librarians,	210 00	
“ Printing,	16 40	
“ Binding Books,	22 30	
“ Bulletin No. 2,	48 00	
“ Expressage,	3 55	
“ Refitting Library,	105 40	
“ Sundry Supplies,	14 31	
“ Insurance,	45 00	
Cash on hand,	1 52	
	<hr/>	\$ 550 51

Respectfully submitted,

D. J. POORE, Treasurer.

Merrimac, Feb. 12, 1890.

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 LOCUST GROVE CEMETERY.

## REPORT OF TRUSTEES.

1889

*DR.*

Feb. 19.	Balance on hand,	\$ 142 91	
	Received from sale of lots,	115 00	
		<hr/>	\$ 257 91

*CR.*

March 5.	Paid Sargent & Currier,	\$ 6 21	
May 2.	“ G. G. Larkin,	14 08	
May 22.	“ P. Farrington,	16 50	
	“ Michael Welch,	13 50	
	“ Edward Sullivan,	14 10	
June 11.	“ George Curtis,	6 80	
Oct. 10.	“ George F. Bailey,	7 00	
Aug.	“ S. P. Jackman,	20 00	
Jan. 28.	“ Cash on hand,	159 72	
		<hr/>	\$ 257 91

J. A. LANCASTER, }  
 I. B. LITTLE, } Trustees.  
 C. E. ROWELL, }



ANNUAL REPORT OF  
THE BOARD OF ENGINEERS  
OF THE  
MERRIMAC FIRE DEPARTMENT.

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*To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen:*

In submitting their annual report the Board of Engineers take pleasure in once more being able to congratulate the inhabitants of Merrimac upon another year passed without any disastrous fire. Although we have had several very narrow escapes, there have been but four small losses, two in dwelling houses, a carriage shop and a saw mill. The first three were fully insured, the losses being satisfactorily adjusted; the mill was uninsured, consequently is a total loss to the owner, but since it had passed its days of usefulness no industry of the town was crippled, so that we are able to report the business prosperity of the town wholly unimpaired.

But one alarm has been sounded during the year, and that on the twentieth of June; the department were called to Wm. H. Colby's shop at Merrimacport, the roof of which was on fire in thirteen places, caused by sparks dropping from the chimney. As this fire happened upon a day when more than one-half of the local company were out of town the very prompt response of the remaining companies of the department was a subject of general admiration in that vicinity. The advantages of the new street and railway were made plainly manifest. And here let us express our thanks to the railroad officials for their instructions to conductors to carry all

firemen on duty free of charge. On this occasion a car was just starting when the alarm sounded ; it stopped a few minutes and took aboard those whose apparatus was drawn by horses and landed them at the scene of the fire fresh, and as soon as their engine was there.

On the evening of November twenty-sixth a "still call" called the Hook and Ladder company to the Bay State Felt Boot and Shoe company's factory, to extinguish a fire upon the roof caused by burning soot falling from the chimney.

The Steamer has been called out on duty three times to flush out the town sewers, and twice to fill reservoirs during the year.

The efficiency of the department has been increased as follows: first by the untiring energy and generosity of the Steamer boys, in procuring and presenting to the town an elegant hose wagon unsurpassed in workmanship, design and finish, by any in any department—a very valuable addition. The reservoir at Merrimacport has been repaired, and made to hold water and filled, and the one at the Lower Corner completed and filled, making a total of eight brick and cement reservoirs all in first class condition and full of water, besides four wooden ones in very poor condition. Unless a system of water works is to be put in soon, two more will be needed, one near each of the new school-houses.

The purchase last year of the new extension ladder, etc., made necessary some changes in the ladder truck which have been delayed for want of money with which to do the work. We would recommend that at the next annual meeting an appropriation be made large enough to enable the Board of Engineers to make the necessary changes, and purchase a few needed appliances and extend the alarm wires to Merrimacport, to facilitate giving an alarm between the two villages.

The dampness of the past season, together with the high winds lately prevailing, have had a great tendency to soften and crumble away the "soft or pale" bricks commonly used for

inside mason work. No less than three cases of large holes in chimneys, one of them nearly one-half of the chimney for a distance of more than one foot just under the attic floor, have come to the knowledge of this board; therefore to the end that we may still longer continue this exemption from fires, this board earnestly request all owners and all occupants of buildings to carefully examine all chimneys and stove pipes, and have defects remedied, also remove all collections of rubbish liable to produce spontaneous combustion.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

ED. H. SARGENT,

H. W. STEVENS,

ALBERT PARKER,

Engineers M. F. Dep't.

Merrimac, Feb. 1, 1890.

## POLICE REPORT.

*To the Board of Selectmen of Merrimac—Gentlemen:*

We submit the following report:

Whole number of arrests,		21
Incendiarism,	1	
Drunkenness,	6	
Bastardy,	1	
Disturbance,	1	
Malicious mischief,	4	
Vagrancy,	1	
Assault,	3	
Larceny,	2	
Violation of liquor law,	2	
Tramps cared for,	137	

F. H. BECKFORD, }  
J. F. IVES, } Constables.

Merrimac, Mass., Feb. 10, 1890.

# TOWN CLERK'S REPORT.

## BIRTHS.

Number of births recorded,	"	59
Males,	"	29
Females,	"	30
Fathers native born,	"	39
" foreign born,	"	20
Mothers native born,	"	39
" foreign born,	"	20
Fathers and Mothers both native,	"	32
"           " both foreign,	"	14

## MARRIAGES.

Number of marriage licenses issued,	"	33
" marriages recorded,	"	33
First marriage of groom and bride,	"	30
Second marriage of groom,	"	2
"           " bride,	"	2
Grooms native born,	"	26
" foreign born,	"	7
Brides native born,	"	25
" foreign born,	"	8
Average age of groom,	"	27.5
"           " bride,	"	23.7



## DEATHS.

Number of deaths,	-	-	-	39
Average age,	44 years, 9 months, 14 days.			
Oldest person,	88 years, 11 months, 25 days.			
Under 5 years,	-	-	-	6
Still born,	-	-	-	1
Males native born,	-	-	-	17
"    foreign born,	-	-	-	1
Females native born,	-	-	-	20
"    foreign born,	-	-	-	1
Of native parentage,	-	-	-	33
" foreign    "	-	-	-	4
" mixed    "	-	-	-	2

## DOGS.

Number of dogs licensed,	-	-	-	128
Males,	-	-	-	123
Females,	-	-	-	5

BAILEY SARGENT, Town Clerk.



## JURY LIST

Prepared by the Selectmen for the adoption at Annual  
Meeting, March 3, 1890.

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Frank Anderson,  
Wilbur F. Allton,  
Richard S. Bailey,  
Samuel S. Blodgett,  
Charles P. Baker,  
J. Melvin Clement,  
Joseph W. Colby,  
John E. Currier,  
Wm. P. Colby,  
James Cooper,  
Geo. W. Currier,  
A. Wesley Colby,  
Wm. H. Colby,  
Henry P. Davis,  
John L. England,  
T. L. Goodwin,  
D. Warren Gould,  
Lawson W. Howe,  
Gilman S. Hoyt,

True Hoyt,  
Wm. A. Howe,  
Francis S. Heath,  
Willard B. Kelly,  
Heman W. Kelly,  
James T. Locke,  
Cornelius Murphy,  
Joseph W. Nichols,  
Joseph Oak,  
Augustine O'Connell,  
Albert Parker,  
George B. Patten,  
Charles F. Rhodes,  
Thos. W. Sheridan,  
Walter H. Sargent,  
Charles N. Sargent,  
Edward C. Tibbetts,  
David B. Wright,

ARTICLES IN WARRANT  
FOR  
THE ANNUAL MEETING, MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1890  
AT TEN O'CLOCK, A. M.

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Article 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk.

Article 3. To choose Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor.

Article 4. To choose a Treasurer.

Article 5. To choose a Collector of Taxes, and fix the compensation for collecting.

Article 6. To choose one School Committee for three years.

Article 7. To choose one School Committee for one year.

Article 8. To choose one Trustee of the Cemetery for three years.

Article 9. To choose one Commissioner of Sinking Funds for three years.

Article 10. To choose one Commissioner of Sinking Funds for two years.

Article 11. To choose two Trustees of the Public Library for three years.

Article 12. To choose Constables.

Article 13. To choose Surveyors of Lumber and Measurers of Wood and Bark.

Article 14. To choose Fence Viewers and Field Drivers.

Article 15. To choose an Auditor of Accounts, and all other necessary town officers.

Article 16. To see if the town will choose a committee upon appropriations to report at the next annual meeting.

Article 17. To see if the town will accept the Jury List as revised by the Selectmen.

Article 18. To see if the town will vote to create a Street Light Department and make a separate appropriation for the same.

Article 19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate annually with the regular appropriations a sum of money to be used under the direction of Post 114, G. A. R., for the observance of Memorial Day.

Article 20. To see if the town will vote to specify the amount which is appropriated for highways, that shall be used for permanent improvement of sidewalks, brick, stone, or concrete, with stone curbing.

Article 21. To bring in their ballots—Yes or No, on the question: "Shall licenses be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this town?"

Article 22. To see what sums of money the town will raise to defray the necessary charges and expenses of the town for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

Article 23. On petition of Wm. P. Colby and others to see if the town will accept the extension of Winter street as laid out by the Selectmen, over land of J. E. Currier, J. W. Colby and Mrs. Henry Stickney to the Newton road, in accordance with description and plans on file in the office of the Town Clerk.

Article 24. To see if the town will accept the following named streets as laid out by the selectmen, in accordance with descriptions and plans on file in the office of the Town Clerk, namely: Walnut street, from Locust street to Locust Grove avenue (the new school house being on this street); the extension of Prospect street to Winter street; the extension of Pine street to Winter street; the extension of Nichols avenue to Winter street.

Article 25. To hear and act upon the report of the Committee on the Middle street school house.

Article 26. To see what action the town will take in regard to the order of the Inspector of Public Buildings requiring the Center school house to be properly ventilated, and to make an appropriation therefor, if necessary.

Article 27. To see if the town will make an appropriation for placing G. S. Prescott's patent lightning rods upon the new school house.

Article 28. To see what discount the town will make for the prompt payment of taxes, and to fix the time for the payment of taxes.

Article 29. To see if the town will authorize its Treasurer, under the direction of the Selectmen, to hire money in anticipation of taxes, or to pay any indebtedness of the town.

Article 30. To see if the town will vote to have the Collector of Taxes publish in the annual report a list of names of persons whose taxes are unpaid and the amount due from each.

Article 31. To see if the town will vote to restrain neat cattle and horse kind from running at large.

#### NOTE ON THE NEW HIGHWAY.

In regard to an article in the warrant to see if the town will build a road as laid out leading from Winter street through land of Joseph W. Colby and Mrs. Henry Stickney to the Newton road, we have to say that with land damages and estimate for building from John E. Currier (which does not include any railing) it will cost the town (railing included) not less than six hundred dollars.







